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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PCF LEADER KANAPA.

THE FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S
SPOKESMAN, BUT NOT USED, AS THE QUESTIONS WERE NOT RAISED.
EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THIS GUIDANCE AS NECESSARY:

Q. THERE ARE REPORTS OF A MEETING BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS
IN PARIS AND A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S
POLITBURO, JEAN KANAPA. DOESN'T THIS MEETING REPRESENT
AN UPGRADING OF CONTACTS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THUS
A CHANGE IN US POLICY?

A. ON FEBRUARY 10 WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS OF THE US EMBASSY
IN PARIS MET WITH JEAN KANAPA, THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S
DESIGNATED FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN. CONTACTS AT THIS
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LEVEL ARE WITHIN LONG-ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS
WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCF, AND NO SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION WAS
REQUIRED OR REQUESTED IN THIS CASE.

ON BACKGROUND -- THERE HAVE NOT, IN RECENT YEARS, BEEN
MEETINGS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY

AT THIS LEVEL BECAUSE PARTY OFFICIALS EVIDENCED NO INTEREST
IN SUCH CONTACTS. THERE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN NUMEROUS

MEETINGS WITH LESS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PCF
DURING THIS PERIOD.

Q. IT IS SAID THAT THE US OFFICIALS CONVEYED CERTAIN
ASSURANCES TO MR. KANAPA ABOUT US POLICY IN THE EVENT THE
PCF COMES INTO POWER.

A. I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THE CONTENTS OF THE MEETING

I CAN CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT NO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
WERE SENT THE EMBASSY IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MEETING, AND
NO SPECIAL MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED TO MR. KANAPA.
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